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Kresge Note:

We are on pace to successfully meet our Kresge challenge—but we still need help in the areas of campus renewal and student financial assistance. To contribute, please contact Dr. James T. Barry, Vice President for Advancement, at (816) 942-8400, ext. 2213.

ACCENT ON AVILA COLLEGE

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Progress as promised.



Pathways: The Campaign for Avila College continues to realize results as workers complete the renovation of O'Reilly Hall during the late summer.



Letter from the President

Our students have once again returned to campus. They are joined now by a new group of incoming students who are seeing Avila for the first time.

As I think about what it must be like to experience Avila College for the first time, I imagine the thousands who came to this campus before us. This is a time when we celebrate our anniversaries—the 25th anniversary of Goppert Theater productions, the 20th anniversary of our Master's programs, the 50th anniversary of our Nursing department accreditation, and many other special anniversaries for our alumni.

In this and future issues of *Accent*, we would like to celebrate some of these milestones for the college. And as we press forward in our vision for the future, I hope each of our friends will keep a special place for Avila at heart. Help us remember what we were like then, and stand with us as we embrace our future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Larry Kramer
Avila College President

Letter From the Alumni President

Dear Avila Alumni,

At last year's Homecoming, we kicked off the alumni division of Avila's Pathways Campaign with a challenge to each alum to support Avila's future and its alumni. Your response has been reassuring to me that our alumni continue to make the strong commitment that those before them have made. Thanks to each of you who have supported our students with a gift. Your participation in this undertaking is vital to the success of our Pathways Campaign and to the fulfillment of Avila's vision for the new millennium. If you have not had the opportunity to be a part of this, I encourage each of you to consider joining this campaign.

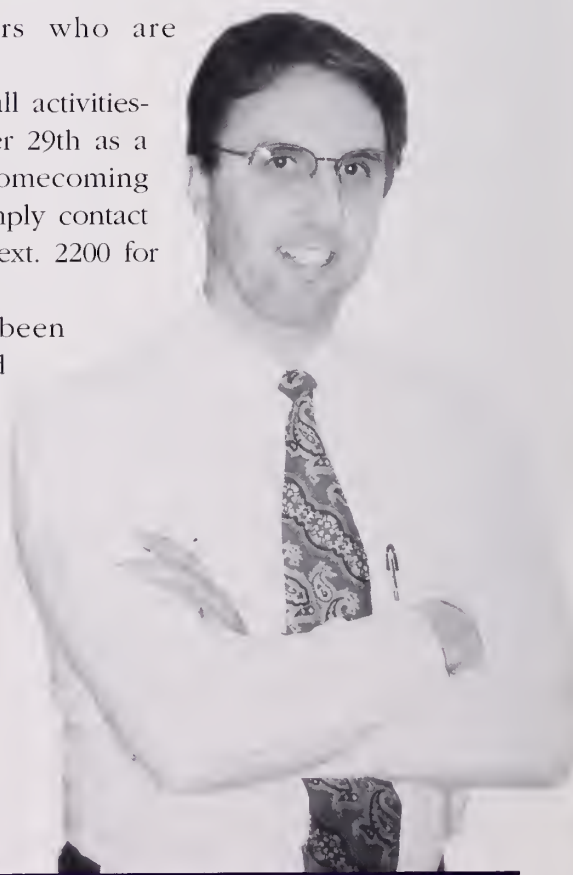
The next few months will be filled with opportunities for each of you to take the *Pathway* back to Avila. Our Homecoming Reunion committees have been meeting for months and have planned exciting activities for each reunion class. Whether or not you are from an honored class, the invitation describes activities which will make the weekend special for you. Watch for news about the 50th Anniversary of Avila's Nursing Program, the 25th Anniversary of Goppert Theater and the 20th Anniversaries of the Master's Programs in Business Administration, Education and Psychology.

This year's Golf Classic marks the 15th year of an alumni sponsored event created to support student scholarships for children of Avila alumni. This year's event will increase an endowment fund which now totals nearly \$150,000 and has helped approximately 150 students. On behalf of the alumni board I want to thank the alumni and volunteers who are responsible for our success.

Your participation at all fall activities—the Golf Classic on September 29th as a player or volunteer, or at Homecoming October 2-4—is welcome. Simply contact the alumni office at 942-8400 ext. 2200 for more information.

Your alumni board has been active in all committee areas and would welcome your input and involvement during the next year. I invite you to contact a member of the association board to get involved.

Rob Brown '84
Alumni Association Board
President





With Michael Morrissey

Outgoing Chairman, Avila College Board of Trustees

Michael F. Morrissey presided over the Avila College Board of Trustees meeting this past August for the last time as Chairman of the Board. A nine year veteran of the Board and its Chairman the past three years, the Managing Partner of Ernst & Young LLP shared his thoughts on Avila College with Accent recently:

ACCENT: Mike, as you prepare to leave the Avila Board what are some of the your lasting impressions of the college?

MIKE MORRISSEY: I'm proud to say that people who come to Avila are rarely disappointed. It meets their goals and expectations. Avila has a good reputation as a strong private, religious-affiliated college.

A: What accomplishments come to mind as you review your time on the board?

MM: We've had the two largest capital campaigns in the history of the college. Academically, the implementation of Intended Learning Outcomes defined what Avila wanted the student to end up learning from personal, spiritual to higher level thinking. Courses were designed to insure we got those outcomes. It gave Avila deserved notoriety.

The board itself made dramatic moves forward through board governance, organization, committee structure and board retreats. We profited from the makeup of the board that included people with a variety of skills from all walks of life.

During my chairmanship, we attempted to keep moving forward with a hard working, diversified board sometimes "pushing the envelope" with programs such as the Avila Advantage degree completion program. We did some introspective type things on retreats such as considering how we (Avila) wanted to present ourselves to the community.

We also formalized the responsibilities associated with the sponsorship of Avila College by the Sisters of St. Joseph by executing an agreement between the

Avila Board of Trustees and the Province leadership of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. It simply defined the mutual responsibilities of our board and their community. I believe this was one of the first agreements of its kind by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and a sponsored institution of higher education.

A: What challenges do you see in the future for Avila College?

MM: Our number one challenge is to market ourselves to those we want to serve. I believe the market is there—potential students who subscribe to Avila's outcomes and goals. We just need to get the message out. Although our mission goes beyond basic good business marketing, our board recognizes we must take a hard look at how we present Avila to the community. We must know who we are and take that message to our market.

We do know that we want to attract quality, full-time students to the campus who are in tune with the philosophies of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Avila's values. Also, moving toward a more residential campus will help accomplish our goals.

A: Your thoughts on higher education in general?

MM: The number one problem in higher education remains getting costs under control. It brings the focus to bear on who needs what kind of education and which colleges can take care of the educational requirements of the population. Vocational schools, community colleges and four-year colleges all have a spot in the process of making education available to the majority of Americans who want to go to college. Certainly, small private institutions have a place in the mix. But they must have the right formulas to survive. I believe there is a place in the American educational system for colleges like Avila.

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50 YEARS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

The history of nursing education at Avila College evidences with pride the academic preparation of nurses who contribute to the health care of those in need. This educational vision was made possible through the efforts of the Sisters of Saint Joseph at Saint Joseph Hospital and many others at the College of Saint Teresa (the predecessor of the name Avila College) and Avila College who valued the importance of academic preparation for nursing practice.

The four-year nursing program originated after the close of World War II. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet recognized the need for advanced educational preparation in nursing and began to formulate plans for establishing a department of nursing within the college. In August of 1947, Sister Gerard Joseph Brewer, C.S.J., and Sister Mary Pachomia Lackey, C.S.J., attended several workshops in preparation for the first baccalaureate program on a private campus in the state of Missouri. The department was established and received provisional accreditation from the Missouri State Board of Nursing in 1948.

Avila has consistently been a leader in the education of professional nurses and has been guided in these leadership decisions by department heads Rose Helen Vaughn, C.S.J., Mary Fabian Hutti, C.S.J., Mary Mark Duranty, C.S.J., Norma Lewis, Barbara Moore, C.S.J., Ph.D., Susan Hildebrand, Ed.D., and currently, Susan Hackler Fetsch, Ph.D.

Today, the nursing curriculum continues the proud tradition of academic excellence. The curriculum enables graduates to be responsive to changes that are inevitable in the health care environment, and it also enhances the nurse's critical-thinking, assessment, and problem-solving skills.

This new curriculum is theoretically and clinically strong, as well as being flexible and tailored to meet the nurse's unique learning needs. Most importantly, it has seen tremendous results. In 1997 there was a 95.8% pass rate of the board exams, and 100% of 1997 Avila College nursing graduates are employed.

Avila College nursing alumni rank among the most well-respected positions of nursing leadership across the country. Celebrating a 25th anniversary is Sigma Theta Tau, the nursing honor society. Avila College was the first liberal arts college to receive a charter from this prestigious honors organization.

Sigma Theta Tau invites all nursing alumni, and especially Sigma Theta Tau alumni, to join the Homecoming '98 celebration at a nursing luncheon.

For more information on the 1998 Homecoming celebration weekend, October 2-4, 1998, please contact Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73, at (816) 942-8400, ext. 2200. ■



Nursing student **Alba Sierra-Perez** practices her clinical skills on "patient Shiloh" (better known as nursing learning laboratory manager **Shiloh Garies**).

1998-99 Goppert Theater

Lend Me A Tenor

October 1, 2, 3 (8 p.m.);

October 4 (2 p.m.)

Dinner theater precedes evening performances on October 2 and 3; please call (816) 942-8400 ext. 2299 for reservations. Additional fee required for dinner.

Macbeth

**November 19, 20, 21
(8 p.m.)**

November 22 (2 p.m.)

GOPPERT THEATER CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Since Goppert Theater's construction in 1973, it has been witness to more than 100 full theatrical productions, and countless mini-productions, not to mention the long nights of rehearsals weeks before opening night. Entire cities have been built and destroyed on its stage. Lovers unite, lovers die, and singers wail tributes to lost companions through countless time periods. For 25 years Goppert Theater has been host to some of the finest productions in academic theater, and for 25 years audiences have entered its doors only to be whisked away to new times and new places as actors and technicians suspend reality for a few hours.

But Avila's theater tradition goes beyond 25 years—in fact, the first theater graduate at Avila College received a diploma in 1952 at the St. Teresa campus. The real catalyst in the life of the theater came with the move to the new campus in 1963.

At the time, only two buildings existed on campus—Blasco Hall and O'Rielly Hall. The director of theater at the time was Sister Felice Helms, C.S.J., who fashioned a makeshift "theater-in-a-rectangle" in the basement of O'Rielly Hall. Architect Angus McCallum originally designed this temporary location as laboratory space. But with tape on the floor, spot lamps hanging from water pipes, and informal seating on the concrete



flooring, the theater tradition continued on the new campus.

Following up on plans to construct a more conventional theater building for the campus, Clarence Goppert, and former Board of Trustees member, Vita Goppert, of the then Goppert Banks of Kansas City, were invited to a luncheon on campus to discuss the architectural plans. They became very interested in the possibilities of the theater and fulfilled a commitment to provide a substantial amount of funds for construction, making the theater building a reality. Through the efforts of the director of theater at the time, Jim Assad, Avila is proud to boast a thrust proscenium stage modeled after the Guthrie Theater.

Today Goppert Theater continues to offer some of the finest academic theater in the area. Whether you are a theater alumni or just a fan of the stage, you can help celebrate 25 years of Goppert Theater productions at the first performance of the 1998-99 season at the 1998 Homecoming Celebration. *Lend Me A Tenor* will run October 1, 2, 3 (8 p.m.); October 4 (2 p.m.). Dinner theater precedes evening performances on October 2 and 3; please call (816) 942-8400 ext. 2299 for reservations. An additional fee will be required for dinner. ■

Theater Season

To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday

February 25, 26, 27
(8 p.m.)

February 28 (2 p.m.)

The Robber Bridegroom

April 22, 23, 24 (8 p.m.)

April 25 (2 p.m.)

In The Next Issue...

Don't miss the next issue of *Accent*! We'll highlight some other special anniversaries, including the 20th anniversary of our Master's programs, including the MBA, Master of Science in Counseling Psychology, and Master of Science in Education.

Lights, Camera, Auction!

The 1998 Avila College Steer Dinner and Auction

More than \$200,000 will go to Avila's scholarship fund, thanks to the 1998 Steer Dinner and Auction, held March 14th at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Kansas City. This was the 22nd Steer Dinner to raise money for student scholarships. Nearly 500 guests placed bids on more than 200 auction items, including vacations, artwork, high-tech gadgets, and a 1998 Toyota Corolla.

Honored at Avila's Steer Dinner this year was John Sullivan, Jr., who served as Honorary Chairperson. Mary Beth Meyers continued her years of support of Avila College as the Event Underwriter. Television reporters Scott (Fox 4) and Krista (KCTV 5) Klaus returned as emcees for the evening. Challenge donors for the Steer Dinner were Rose Teicher, Dorothy Whitfield, and the Universal Press Syndicate through the Andrews and McMeel Foundation. Dinner Patrons included Carondelet Health, Forster-Powers Charitable Trust, and Sprint Corporation. Steer Dinner Benefactors were Ernst & Young LLP/Emmy and Chair of the Avila Board of Trustees, Michael F. Morrissey.

The Steer Dinner is always in need of friends, guests, and volunteers. If you would like to attend the 1999 Steer Dinner in any of these capacities, please contact Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at (816) 942-8400, ext. 2200. Mark your calendars now for the 1999 Steer Dinner — March 27, 1999! ■



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Mary Beth Meyers,
Event Underwriter,
and **Dr. Larry**
Kramer, President



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John Sullivan,
Honorary
Chairperson and
Patti Browne

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Nancy DeSanto and
Alumni Board Member
Jeanne Olofson '92, '94,
Table Sponsors





Communications professor **Ben Meade** shares candy with a Mexican child during a recent home-building/film project in Juarez, Mexico.

Communications Department Wins Awards, Cash

Ben Meade, assistant professor of communication, received New England Financial's "Phillips Award for Outstanding Citizenship" that included a \$2,500 check to Avila College. Meade teaches film classes at Avila and continues as a partner and agent at Mykins & Stine (a financial consulting firm) with some 1,200 clients.

Meade was given the award by New England Financial, in part for work building a home for the homeless in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Mykins & Stine then matched the award, giving the Avila College communication department \$5,000.

Fourteen Avila students and Meade built the home for the homeless in four days as part of a film course. Students created a film of their experience, using an edited mixture of both film and video. The film, "Mexico: Built on Love," won second place in the College Documentary Division at the Kan Film Festival. ■

Avila Communications Grabs Kan Film Awards

Avila College communication department faculty and students were recently awarded honors at the Kan Film Festival, a regional film competition to recognize outstanding local works.

Winning "Best of Division—Open Category," "1st Place—College Documentary" and "1st Place, Open Documentary" was Avila Communication department chair Dotty Hamilton for her film, "Lawrence: Free

State Fortress." Hamilton served as, among other duties, script supervisor.

Winning "2nd Place—College Documentary Division" was the film "Mexico: Built on Love." The film was a collaborative effort of 14 Avila students and assistant professor of communication Ben Meade.

Winning "2nd Place—College Music Video Division" was "Daybreak: Wait" by Avila communication freshman Seth Boyer. ■

Education Alumni receives prize for excellence in teaching

Debbie (Lyons) Grimshaw '89, a Eureka High School, (St. Louis, Mo.) math teacher, is one of five teachers to receive the 1998 Loeb Prize for Excellence in Teaching Science & Mathematics. The St. Louis Science Center/Carol B. and Jerome T. Loeb Prize recognizes teachers who significantly enhance their students' performances. Grimshaw has been teaching at Eureka High School in the Rockwood School District for nine years, and is currently teaching geometry and pre-calculus for grades 9-12. ■



Receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at the 1998 Commencement exercises, and serving as commencement speaker for the

event, was the **Most Reverend John J. Leibrecht**, Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. As part of Bishop Leibrecht's address, he reminded the class of 1998 that "Avila College has taught you the most important thing in life—and that is to be a loving human being." Bishop Leibrecht is seen here with Chairman of the Board of Trustees **Michael Morrissey** and Avila President **Dr. Larry Kramer**.

New Faculty and Staff

Deana Angotti, Education/Psychology. This is Angotti's second year serving as an instructor at Avila. Along with teaching and advising Angotti will continue her work with the TEXT (Teaching Excellence Team) program and serve as a liaison for Goals 2000.

Stanley Banks, English. Banks currently writes for the Artists-In Education Program for Young Audiences, Inc., Kansas City, Mo. Banks serves as the advisor to the SCOP, Avila's art and literary magazine.

Martha Blackman, Nursing. Blackman joins Avila after serving as an Assistant Administrator of Southview Homecare, Louisburg, Ks.

Joseph W. Deighton, J.D., Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. Deighton previously served as Associate Dean of Students for Campus Life and Judicial Affairs at Walsh University.

Dr. Don Faurot, Mathematics. Ph.D., University of Oregon. Dr. Faurot most recently taught at SUNY— Cortland before joining the Avila mathematics faculty.

Dr. Judy Munshower, Mathematics. Ph.D., Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Munshower comes to Avila from Maryville University.

Dennis Sander, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs. Sander joins the Avila staff after previously serving as the Dean of Administrative Services for North Central Kansas Technical College.

Lisa Sugimoto, Art. This is Sugimoto's fifth year as an adjunct faculty member at Avila. She has held instructor position at the University of Kansas, the Lawrence Arts Center, and the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery.

Dennis Gault Named Coach of the Year

Softball team wins conference, takes honors.

Avila Head Softball Coach Dennis Gault and the Eagles flew to the top of the softball field last season, taking several softball honors, including

Coach of the Year and the conference championship.

The Eagles finished the conference with an 9-1 record, and finished with a 31-15 record overall.

This record helped them earn a 5th place ranking in the Great Plains Region. *This was the first time the Eagles have ever won a conference championship and qualified for regional competition.*

Head Coach Dennis Gault was voted Coach of the Year by his fellow Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference coaches. This is Gault's first year as the head coach of the Eagles,

having served as assistant coach in the 1996-97 season.

Team honors went to the following Avila College softball players:

First Team All-Conference:

Christina Delgado, Outfield
Keri Shoff, Third Base
Amy Landis, Second Base

Second Team All-Conference:

Julie Turner, Catcher
Sarah Curtis, Pitcher
Amanda Endicott, Centerfielder

Honorable Mention:

Amanda Nedrud, Outfielder
Angie Hasty, Short Stop
Jenny McCarty, First Base
Jamie Hanneman, Pitcher



Men's Soccer

Head Coach: Patrick Phillips

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 9/3/98 | William Woods University | Fulton, MO | 3:00p.m. |
| 9/6/98 | Lindenwood College | St. Charles, MO | 3:30p.m. |
| 9/7/98 | Columbia College | Columbia, MO | 3:30p.m. |
| 9/9/98 | Benedictine College | Atchison, KS | 4:00p.m. |
| 9/12/98 | William Jewell College | Liberty, MO | 2:00p.m. |
| 9/13/98 | Culver Stockton College | HOME | 2:00p.m. |
| 9/15/98 | Graceland College | HOME | 2:00p.m. |
| 9/19/98 | Bartlesville Wesleyan College | Bartlesville, OK | 3:00p.m. |
| 9/25/98 | Ottawa University | Ottawa, KS | 4:00p.m. |
| 9/26/98 | Doane College | Crete, NE | 2:00p.m. |
| 10/3/98 | Iowa Wesleyan College | HOME | 4:00p.m. |
| 10/6/98 | St. Mary College | HOME | 4:00p.m. |
| 10/8/98 | Tabor College | HOME | 2:00p.m. |
| 10/10/98 | Kansas Newman College | Wichita, KS | 3:00p.m. |
| 10/17/98 | York College | HOME | 3:00p.m. |
| 10/18/98 | Bellevue University | HOME | 3:00p.m. |
| 10/24/98 | Briar Cliff College | HOME | 12:00p.m. |
| 10/25/98 | Harris-Stowe State College | HOME | 12:00p.m. |

Women's Soccer

Head Coach: Jeff Randolph

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 9/3/98 | William Woods University | Fulton, MO | 5:00p.m. |
| 9/11/98 | CMSU | Home | 4:00 p.m. |
| 9/12/98 | Harris-Stowe State College | Home | 2:00 p.m. |
| 9/15/98 | Graceland College | Home | 4:00 p.m. |
| 9/18/98 | Missouri Southern | Joplin, MO | 5:00 p.m. |
| 9/19/98 | Bartlesville Wesleyan | Bartlesville, OK | 1:00 p.m. |
| 9/25/98 | Ottawa University | Ottawa, KS | 2:00 p.m. |
| 9/26/98 | Doanne College | Crete, NE | 12:00 p.m. |
| 9/30/98 | College of St. Mary | Omaha, NE | 4:00 p.m. |
| 10/3/98 | William Jewell College | Home | 2:00 p.m. |
| 10/6/98 | St. Mary College | Home | 2:00 p.m. |
| 10/9/98 | Missouri Valley (JV) | Home | 2:00 p.m. |
| 10/10/98 | Kansas Newman College | Wichita, KS | 1:00 p.m. |
| 10/17/98 | York College | Home | 1:00 p.m. |
| 10/18/98 | Bellevue University | Home | 1:00 p.m. |
| 10/24/98 | Benedictine College | Atchison, KS | 12:00p.m. |
| 10/25/98 | University of Huron | Home | 2:00 p.m. |

Volleyball

Head Coach: Melanie Roberts

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 8/28-29/98 | St. Mary College | Leavenworth, KS | TBA |
| 9/4-5/98 | Kansas Wesleyan Tournament | Salina, KS | TBA |
| 9/10/98 | Mid-America Nazarene College | Olathe, KS | 7:00p.m. |
| 9/11-12/98 | Park College Tournament | Parkville, MO | TBA |
| 9/15/98 | Westminster College | HOME | 7:00p.m. |
| 9/18/98 | Kansas Newman College | Wichita, KS | 7:00p.m. |
| 9/19/98 | York College | York, NE | TBA |
| 9/25/98 | College of the Ozarks | HOME | 7:00p.m. |
| 9/26/98 | Bartlesville Wesleyan College | HOME | 1:00p.m. |
| 10/2/98 | Kansas Newman College | HOME | 7:00p.m. |
| 10/3/98 | York College | HOME | 1:00p.m. |
| 10/9/98 | Bellevue University | HOME | 7:00p.m. |
| 10/10/98 | College of Saint Mary | HOME | 1:00p.m. |
| 10/15/98 | Missouri Valley College | HOME | 7:00p.m. |
| 10/16-17/98 | Avila College Invitational | HOME | TBA |
| 10/23/98 | College of the Ozarks | Point Lookout, MO | 7:00p.m. |
| 10/24/98 | Bartlesville Wesleyan College | Bartlesville, OK | TBA |
| 11/3/98 | Saint Mary College | Leavenworth, KS | 7:00p.m. |
| 11/6/98 | Bellevue University | Bellevue, NE | 7:00p.m. |
| 11/7/98 | College of Saint Mary | Omaha, NE | TBA |

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COLLEGE
ATHLETICS?**

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help the eagles
fly to victory,
contact **Michael
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942-8400, ext.

2356, or E-mail:
CrozierMR@mail.Avila.edu

And after the conclusion of regional play, the following players were named to the All-Regional team and nominated for All-American honors:

Keri Shoff, Third Base
Amy Landis, Second Base

"This was a great season, and I'm very proud of all of the players. Next year we will lose six graduating seniors, but with the outstanding recruits we have coming in, I expect the 1998-99 season to be even better. We will continue to be a force to be reckoned with," says Avila Softball Coach Dennis Gault.

Alumni News

Alumni News as of July 29, 1998

BIRTHS

1980's

Theresa Doyle Witt '82 and her husband, Leon announce the birth of Margaret Ann, born on March 4, 1998. They currently reside in Springfield, MO.

Gary Mitchell '89 & Shelly Kendrick Mitchell '91 announce the birth of their first child, Allison Dawn, born on October 22, 1997. The family is living in Parkville, MO.

1990's

Derek Moorhead '92 & Tasha Kovich Moorhead '91 announce the birth of Rebecca Lynn on October 28, 1997. Derek is a part-time instructor in Avila's Science Department.

Misty and Brad Koper '96 announce the birth of a daughter, Taylor Dawn, born on April 17, 1998.

DEATHS

1940's

Martha Patricia (Campbell) Gilford '46 passed away February 13, 1998. She received an alumni of the year award in 1996, and was a long-time friend of the college.

Margaret Roberts McDonald '48 passed away July 1, 1998.

1950's

Carol Miegel '52 passed away on July 31, 1997.

Vivian Harris Swain '59 passed away Nov. 7, 1997

1960's

Tanya Maurin the mother of **Toni Maurin Conroy '63** passed away April 21, 1998.

Carol Robinson Collins '65 passed away September 12, 1997.

1970's

Ray Page, father of **Jan Page Santoscoy '73** passed away June 22, 1998.

Jack Fischer, father of **Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73** passed away October 31, 1997.

1980's

William Reeves, the father of **Martha Reeves '81** passed away June 3, 1998

1990's

Henry T. Gillespie husband of **Mary Gillespie '92** passed away September 21, 1997.

MARRIAGES

1990's

Derek Fagan '95 married Karen Rieschel.

Brad Koper '96 married Misty Reser on May 24, 1997.

Craig Johnston '97 married Amy Brown in August of 1997. They now have a son, Jackson Noah.

Amber Decker '97 was married on June 20, 1998 to **Eugene Troyer '97**. The couple resides in Bloomington, Indiana.

NEWS

1960's

Susan St. Clair Laubengayer '65 is president of the Oregon Institute of Technology, serving a two year term.

1970's

Sr. Patricia Seipel '75 is the current director of Christ the King Early Childhood Center in Kansas City.

Sr. Mary Ann Hartmann, '76 is a member of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz convent on the island of Saipan in Micronesia.

David Frantze '76, a senior partner with Stinson Mag & Frizzell was named The Leukemia Society's Volunteer of the Year for the Kansas City area.

Ed Lewis '76 and his company were recently featured in Kansas City Nursing News story. Ed is married to **Deb White Lewis '76** who is the Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UMKC.

1980's

Brian Hastings '81 is a general manager for AMC, Theaters in St. Louis, MO.

James Wright '84 played in Irving Berlin's Christmas At the Ritz, in December at The American Heartland Theater in Kansas City.

Judy Thompson '85 will have an art showing from February 26-March 31 at Avila's Thornhill Gallery entitled "Playing with Fire".

Craig Bergeron '89 is employed as the Director of Operations for American Adoptions. He is married to Wendy and has a daughter Samantha, born April 24, 1997. He is currently residing in Overland Park, KS.

To report alumni news contact:

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Debbie Grimshaw (Lyons) '89 a recent recipient of the St. Louis Science Center's Loeb Prize for Excellence in Teaching (see story, page 7).

1990's

Margye McLaughlin Thornton '91 promoted to Contact Administrator for Kaiser Permanente in the Kansas City Region.

Connie Hubbard '91 received the 1998 Special Project Award at the first annual Belton Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

Megan Harris Russell '95 is working as a Marketing Associate at St. Mary College. She was married to Travis Russell on September 21, 1996.

Call For Nominations

The Avila College Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for Alumni of the Year Awards.

These awards are designed to recognize the contributions of outstanding alumni and increase community awareness of the quality and achievements of Avila's alumni. Categories for nominations include Alumni of the Year, Honorary Alumni, Alumni Service award, Graduate Alumni Award and Recent Alumni Award.

Anyone, whether an Avila alum or not, may nominate someone for this honor. If a nominee is not selected in a given year, he or she will be automatically considered for the following year. Nomination materials will be kept on file in the alumni office for three years with opportunities to update the applications.

Nomination forms are available from the alumni office. Contact Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73, Director of Alumni Relations at 816-942-8400 ext. 2236 or e-mail: Alumni@mail.Avila.edu ■

In Other News...

The biology area has seen a number of exciting changes in the past year, and are now offering academic scholarships in the form of focus grants for qualified students. This has helped increase the number of students pursuing biology as a career. The biology senior capstone course has also changed, so that students must carry out some type of research project, either in the laboratory, as a literature review, or in the field prior to graduation. Regardless of their research experience, all students must present their results to students and science faculty on "Department

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Research Day" in the spring semester. Students demonstrating academic achievement and completion of an outstanding laboratory research project may be awarded academic honors at graduation. To prepare students for this experience, the Biology Area has begun modular research programs in a number of courses including General Biology, Genetics, and Ecology. ■

PRL Sponsors Med Tech

The Medical Technology Program has a second sponsor, The Physician's Reference Laboratory (PRL). Apart from St. Joseph Health Center, additional clinical sites include Olathe Medical Center, Community Blood Center, and now Physicians Reference Laboratory. ■

Avila Joins KC Library Consortium

Avila's Hooley-Bundschu Library is now part of the Kansas City Library Consortium. This places Avila's library holdings in the Consortium's online catalog with an agreement to share resources with 23 other libraries in the Kansas City Metro area. Now Avila College students will truly have the resources of Kansas City at their fingertips! ■

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A: What were some of your most memorable experiences while serving on the Avila Board of Trustees?

MM: My most memorable experiences centered around the Sisters of St. Joseph and individuals on the board and all the people at Avila college. I was educated in grade school by the Sisters of St. Joseph in La Grange, Illinois. It was a refreshing to rekindle those relationships from my early days. To be associated with these all these wonderful people was a memorable and moving experience for me.

A: Thanks Mike...on behalf of everyone at Avila College! ■

Homecoming 1998

ANNIVERSARIES

Friday, October 2, 1998

- 6:30 p.m.Dinner Theater, Goppert Theater
Cost: \$22 per person
- 7 p.m.Women's Volleyball Game vs. Kansas
Newman College, *Mabee Fieldhouse*
- 7-9 p.m.Avila Group Art Show,
Thornbill Gallery, Pep Rally
- 8 p.m.Curtain: "Lend Me a Tenor" by
Ken Ludwig, *Goppert Theater*

Saturday, October 3, 1998

- 9 a.m.Mass, *St. Teresa's Academy Chapel*
Brunch Following
Honored Classes: 1938, 1948, 1958 (\$6)
- 10 a.m.Hall of Fame Inductions & Breakfast,
Dining Hall (\$5)
- 11 a.m.-3 p.m.Courtyard Carnival and the Festival
of Countries, *Avila Quad*
- Noon-3 p.m.Picnic Lunch, *Avila Quad*
- NoonAlumni Soccer Game
- NoonCampus Tours Begin
- 1 p.m.Women's Volleyball Game vs.
York College, *Mabee Fieldhouse*
- 2 p.m.Women's Soccer Game vs.
William Jewell College
- 4 p.m.Men's Soccer Game vs.
Iowa Wesleyan College
- 5 p.m.Honored Class Receptions,
*Alumni Lounge, Classes 1938, 1948,
1958, 1973, 1988, 1993*

- 6:30 p.m.Dinner Theater, Goppert Theater
Cost: \$22 per person
- 7 p.m.Alumni Athlete Gathering,
Coach's Grill, 414 West 103rd
- 8 p.m.Curtain: "Lend Me a Tenor" by Ken
Ludwig, *Goppert Theater*
Intermission: Cappuccino & dessert bar
Class Parties: watch mail for details
- 8 p.m.-MidnightHomecoming Dance for Students,
Alumni, Friends and Family

Sunday, October 4, 1998

- 8:30 a.m.Homecoming Choir Rehearsal,
Goppert Theater
- 9 a.m.Mass, *Goppert Theater*
Alum of the Year Award Ceremony
- 10:30 a.m.Continental Breakfast,
Goppert Lobby

Alumni Events Calendar

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| Avila College Golf Classic | Sept. 29 |
| Homecoming '98 | Oct. 2-4 |
| Heritage Day Mass and Luncheon | Oct. 9 |
| 2nd aMBassador Executive Seminar | Oct. 15 |
| Alumni Basketball Game | Oct. 31 |
| Cocoa & Carols | Dec. 6 |
| Annual Steer Dinner & Auction | March 27 |



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